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Statement from Sen. and Mrs. Allen

TRAVERSE CITY —It is with a very heavy heart that Sen. Jason and Suzanne Allen must announce the news of the death of their son, Jack Edward, as the result of a stillbirth on Oct. 24. Jack was the Allen's second child and first son.

The Allens thank all of their friends and colleagues for their thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow as they deal with this tragedy.

Arrangements are pending at Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

In lieu of flowers, please direct contributions to the Allen Foundation at the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, 250 E. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49684, or online at www.gtrcf.org.